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Christine:

I am not sure that these Regional Recovery Forums are a high priority for us right now. We have tried for years to coordinate with our federal counterparts on water quality issues at the regional recovery level and there has been mediocre interest at best. So I am not sure that any dedicated work effort from EPA will pay off. And now there is a new legal challenge to the 2008 Biological Opinion that brings more uncertainty on these processes.

We are currently working on a renegotiation of the Columbia River Federal Caucus MOU and we are trying to make water quality a key issue for the other federal agencies. Perhaps if we are successful, the importance of water quality can then trickle down to the regional recovery level.

I would surely welcome your participation at the August 5th meeting. It would be great if you could discuss EPA's commitment to the Columbia River as a priority ecosystem and our focus on toxics. I would be glad to help you with talking points or any other information you might need.

Let me know if you have any specific ideas.

Mary Lou

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Mary Lou -- Last we discussed this, you indicated an interest in EPA's involvement in these forums being coordinated.

Any further thoughts on how we at EPA are intending to coordinate our involvement in these forums?

The next Snake River Recovery Forum will be on August 5th. I've again been invited to participate, but I don't have a good sense of what we are hoping to provide to the forum and what we are hoping to get out of these forums.

I can "wing it," but I'd prefer internal information ahead of time if we're having any internal discussions about this.

Please let me know,  
Christine

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May 13th Mid Columbia ESA Recovery Forum Meeting

FYI - I am attaching a message about a Mid-Columbia River ESA Recovery Forum in The Dalles on May

13th.

NOAA is hosting a series of these ESA Recovery Forums around the Columbia River Basin. The Snake River Recovery Forum will take place in LaGrande on May 5th. EPA has been in discussions with NOAA about the identification of 3 priority watersheds to focus attention to support ESA recovery. We are continuing those conversations at this time.

The Draft Columbia River Estuary Recovery Plan Module was published on January 2, 2008. The link to files for the Module and the Federal Register notice are at:

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Salmon-Recovery-Planning/ESA-Recovery-Plans/Estuary-Module.cfm>.

Here is some background on NOAA's Recovery Planning Process:

Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) recovery planning is underway throughout the entire Northwest region. Various recovery planning products are becoming available, and are being posted below. We're referring to these documents collectively as "draft recovery plans," though more specific definitions of the types of products are provided below.

NOAA Fisheries Service has delineated three recovery domains, or geographic recovery planning areas, for the salmon and steelhead [populations listed](#) under the ESA in the Northwest Region. The three domains with recovery-planning activities are [Puget Sound](#), [Willamette/Lower Columbia](#), and [Interior Columbia](#), which has three sub-domains of [Middle Columbia](#), [Snake](#) and [Upper Columbia](#). The Northwest Region is also continuing to work with the state of Oregon to conserve coho in the [Oregon Coast Restoration Area](#), where there are currently no ESA-listed fish.

While each recovery plan will meet ESA requirements and will use consistent scientific principles, each plan will be unique because of conditions in that domain, and because it will be based on local initiatives. Since these plans are based on local recovery planning efforts, the level of detail in the recovery products completed in December 2005 varies. Because of the decentralized, multi-jurisdictional nature of salmon recovery planning in the Pacific Northwest, recovery-related products are in varying stages of development.

**Proposed Recovery Plan:** This is a plan that covers an entire ESU and meets the requirements of the Endangered Species Act. It includes a locally developed plan with stakeholder buy-in, and a NOAA Fisheries Service supplement that clarifies and expands on ESA recovery requirements. A proposed plan is published in the *Federal Register* for official public review and comment.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Salmon-Recovery-Planning/ESA-Recovery-Plans/Draft-Plans.cfm>

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Draft Agenda - May 13th Mid Columbia Recovery Forum Meeting

MC Forum Members:

Attached please find the draft agenda the May 13th Forum meeting, for your review and comment. The meeting will be held at the Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles from 8:30 - 3:30.

Logistics:

- Directions: Directions to the College campus and meeting room are attached.

- Lunch: Cold-cut sandwiches and a beverage will be catered into the meeting room. We anticipate the price to be ~ \$10.00 per person. However, we need a firm head count as to how many meals to order. Nancy will collect lunch money during the registration period from 8:30 - 9:00.

- Please notify Nancy Johnson (Nancy.Johnson@noaa.gov) of your organization's attendees \*\_by COB Friday, May 9th\*\_ , and indicate the number of lunches to be ordered.

- Plan Availability: The management unit plans for Oregon, SE Washington, and the Yakima basin are posted at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/MidColStlhdV1/draft-recovery-plan.html>. (Please note that this is a "blind" URL site and is not accessible through web search engines.) NOAA plans to post the draft roll-up plan to the same site by COB May 6th for your review prior to the Forum meeting on the 13th. NOAA is requesting all comments on the draft roll-up be submitted to Lynn Hatcher by COB, May 23rd.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at my office number (503) 872-2793 or cell number (503) 936-9482.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 13th,

Rick

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